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SUBJECT: AL-HASSAN, FAROUK HAMMED; USIA/OS (8)

REF: A:SY:I MEMORANDUM, DATED JANUARY 26, 1978

1. ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS OBTAINED, FAROUK H. AL-HASSAN WAS A LAZY EMPLOYEE AND NOT RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT. AS A RESULT, HIS WORK CONTRACT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES ANYWAY, ASIDE FROM THE DIFFICULTIES MENTIONED BELOW.

2. SYNOPSIS FOLLOWS:

A. RESIDENTS REGISTRATION RECORDS INDICATE FAROUK HAMMED AL-HASSAN, BORN [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 08 DEC 2014] IN KUMASI, GHANA. CITIZEN OF GHANA. MARRIED. NO HEALTH PROBLEM REPORTED.

B. EMPLOYED 1/74 TO 3/76 DEUTSCHE WELLE, COLOGNE, AS TRANSLATOR/ANNOUNCER. APPLICANT AND TWO NIGERIANS, TANKO (SY REQUEST USIA/OS (9), A/SY/I MEMORANDUM, DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1978) AND KABO THREATENED TO GO ON STRIKE IF NOT GRANTED THE HIGHER STATUS OF EDITORS. DESPITE HAVING BEEN WARNED NOT TO GO ON STRIKE, THEY FAILED TO COME TO WORK. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY WERE SUSPENDED AND LATER DISMISSED. APPLICANT, TANKO, AND

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KABO HAD RFFU TRADE UNION FILE A LAW SUIT AGAINST DEUTSCHE WELLE ON THEIR BEHALF WHICH WAS LOST. THEY DEMANDED AN APPEAL AGAINST THIS DECISION WHICH UNION ATTORNEYS CONSIDERED SENSELESS AND WHICH THEREFORE WAS NOT MADE. AS A RESULT THEY USED ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IN TALKING TO TRADE UNION OFFICIAL WHO FINALLY TOLD THEM THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP WAS TERMINATED. WHEN

THEY WERE NO LONGER SUPPORTED BY RFFU, THEY TURNED TO LEFTIST CIRCLES WHICH PUBLISHED DISTORTED ARTICLES ABOUT THEIR CASE IN SMALL LEFTIST PAPERS AND SENT A MISREPRESENTED PETITION TO VARIOUS GERMAN AUTHORITIES AND FOREIGN EMBASSIES. FINALLY, APPLICANT AND TANKO TRIED TO BE RE-EMPLOYED, BUT THEIR REQUEST WAS DENIED. HERR GROSSHANS, DEPUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER; HERR PRIEBE, IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR; HERR GWADABE, CO-WORKER; AND HERR DARMSTAEDTER, RFFU, COMMENTED UNFAVORABLY.

B. ONE REFERENCE COMMENTED FAVORABLY; THE OTHER FAILED TO REPLY.

C. APPLICANT'S PLACES OF RESIDENCE ASCERTAINED.

HE REPORTEDLY LIVED WITH TANKO, 2/74 TO 3/75.

UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM HOUSING ASSISTANT AND JANITOR AT 3 GRAEFFSTR., COLOGNE, 4/75 TO 7/77. APPLICANT LEFT OVER NIGHT OWING HIS LANDLORD ABOUT \$1,441 FOR RENT. APPLICANT WAS A VERY NOISY TENANT; OFTEN COMPLAINTS WERE FILED BY HIS NEIGHBORS. REPORTEDLY APPLICANT OWED ABOUT \$200 TO A DENTIST. ANOTHER CREDITOR OF APPLICANT HAD INITIATED A CIVIL LAW SUIT TO GET HIS MONEY BACK AS A RESULT OF WHICH A WARRANT OF ARREST WAS ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1977. NAME OF CREDITOR AND AMOUNT INVOLVED WERE NOT MADE KNOWN BY COURT OFFICIAL.

D. RSO AND BKA RECORD CHECKS NEGATIVE. BFV AND LKA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECORD CHECKS STILL OUTSTANDING.

3. WRITTEN NARRATIVE WILL FOLLOW.

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